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Senate Passes Cuba Claims Bill

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The Senate passed by voice vote yesterday a bill setting up machinery for the documentation of claims by U.S. nationals against Cuba for nationalization or expropriation of property. The total amount of claims is estimated in the neighborhood of $1.5 billion.

The legislation, which now goes back to the House for action on Senate amendments, provides only for the determining of the amount and validity of such claims by the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission.

Its purpose is to provide the State Department with a record for use in any negotiations looking to payment by some future Cuban government.